

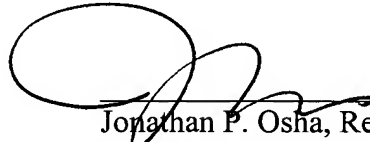
**REMARKS**

Applicant submits that the above amendments are fully supported by the original specification of the parent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/924,961) and that no new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims have been made to remove the currently pending claims of the parent application and present new claims drawn to an expandable reaming tool with spiral blades, classified in class 175, subclass 263, as indicated in the Restriction Requirement of January 27, 2003. Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 05516.089002).

Respectfully submitted,

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